PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 480

SENATE BILL NO. 1945

By Harper, Raymond Finney, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1998

By Ulysses Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-316, relative to increasing the penalty for certain types of nonemergency 911 calls.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-316, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsections:

- (b) (1) An aggravated 911 nonemergency call is a nonemergency 911 call as described in subsection (a) of this section where:
 - (A) A single caller makes such nonemergency 911 calls in an offensively repetitious manner;
 - (B) The nonemergency 911 call creates a delay in the response to an emergency; or
 - (C) The nonemergency 911 call results in harm to person or property.
- (2) An aggravated nonemergency 911 call is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 7, 2007

RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMI NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of June 2007

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR